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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE NUCLEAR FUEL REQUESTS

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- 1. ON JANUARY 17, EMBOFF PRESENTED INFORMATION IN REFTELS TO CAPT. EDGARDO AGUIRRE, ACTING CNEA HEAD, AND TO DR. ANOTONIO JOSE CARREA, CNEA LICENSING ADVISER FOR NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS. THEIR REACTION ON THE WHOLE WAS FAVORABLE.
- 2. WITH REGARD TO REF A., CARREA EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED IN VIENNA NOW THAT THE U.S. APPEARED TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE TRANSACTION WAS ESSENTIALLY COMMERCIAL IN NATURE AND THAT THE TITLE TO THE FUEL WOULD REMAIN ARGENTINE. HE ALSO VIEWED FAVORABLY INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM VIENNA REGARDING U.S. WILLINGNESS TO EXCLUDE THE REACTOR FROM THE COVERAGE OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. WITH RESPECT TO ARTICLE XII, CARREA STATED THAT DIFFERENCES OF INTERPRETATION STILL REMAIN. WHILE ARTICLE XII MAY ONLY BE APPLIED TO "ARRANGEMENTS CONFIDENTIAL

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OTHERWISE CONSUMMATED," THESE ARRANGEMENTS DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE IN THE FORM OF AN AGENCY PROJECT AGREEMENT UNDER ARTICLE XI. HE ADDED THAT BOTH THE GOA AND GOP WOULD SEEK CHANGES IN THE DRAFT NOTE TO PERU.

3. WITH REGARD TO REF B., CARREA INDICATED THAT THE

CHECKLIST WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER STUDY BUT AT PRELIMINARY BLANCE IT DID NOT SEEM TO PRESENT INSUPERABLE DIFFICULTIES. THE RA-3, HE SAID, IS OBSOLETE AND IS IMPORTANT TO ARGENTINA ONLY BECAUSE IT PRODUCES 95 PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY'S RADIOISOTOPES FOR MEDICINAL AND OTHER PEACEFUL PURPOSES. CASTRO

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